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Service Date: September 21, 1982

READING FILE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)
of The Town of Browning For Au-)
thority To Adopt Increased Sewer)
Rates.)
_____)

UTILITY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 82.5.36
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4934

On May 26, 1982, the Town of Browning (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer rates to provide revenues to defray increased costs of operation and to maintain and repair existing systems.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the August 11, 1982 edition of the Great Falls Tribune and the August 12, 1982 edition of the Glacier-Reporter. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by September 8, 1982 an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No protests or requests for public hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On December 14, 1981 the entire Town Council of the Town of Browning passed Resolution No. 376 setting sewer rates at the

proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to provide for increased costs of operation and to repair the existing system.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$9,700.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

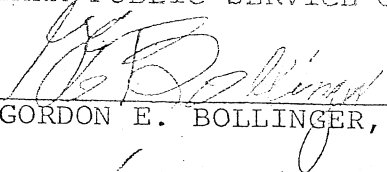
1. The rates as set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized.

2. These rates shall be effective for all sewer services rendered on and after September 20, 1982.

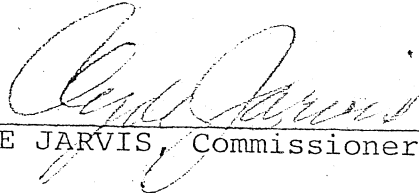
DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on September 20, 1982
by a 4 - 0 vote.

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.



GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman


HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner


CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner


THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.

APPENDIX "A"

All family units including trailers and apartments \$1.50 monthly base and 10% of the total monthly water bill that is over \$4.50.

All Businesses will have a monthly base rate of \$1.50 and 10% of the total monthly water bill that is over \$4.50.